

REMARKS

Claims 4-6, 10, 13-18, 23-30 and 32-45 are pending in this application. by this Amendment, independent claims 4, 13, 23, 32, 33 and 40 are amended to make explicit in the body of the claims that which was implicit. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Cao during the October 22, 2008 personal interview. The reasons warranting favorable action discussed during the interview are incorporated into the following remarks and constitute Applicant's separate record of the interview.

The Office Action rejects independent claims 4, 13, 23, 32, 33 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Nishikawa et al. ("Nishikawa"), U.S. Patent No. 7,280,245. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 4 is directed to a method for installing a printer driver stored on a recording medium on a computer terminal. As discussed during the personal interview, independent Claim 4 is amended to more affirmatively recite in the body of the claim that the method is for installing a printer driver on a computer terminal. Independent claims 13, 23 and 32, 33 are similarly amended.

As tentatively agree during the personal interview, Nishikawa fails to disclose a method for installing a printer driver. Nishikawa simply discloses a method for controlling a peripheral device to set environmental data such as language used (see col. 2, lines 18-21). In Nishikawa, the printer driver has already been installed in the peripheral device (see col. 5, lines 58-60). Therefore, as tentatively agreed during the personal interview, Nishikawa fails to disclose the method recited in independent

claim 4. Because independent claims 13, 23 and 32 recite similar features, Nishikawa also fails to disclose the combination of features recited in these independent claims.

Independent claims 33 and 40 recite, in combination with the other claimed features, selecting, before the device driver is installed, one of the plurality of region dependent message blocks on the basis of a region where the computer terminal belongs. In Nishikawa, the selection of a resource file name occurs only after the printer driver is installed (see col. 5, lines 58-60). Thus, Nishikawa also fails to disclose the combination of features recited in independent claims 33 and 40.

Therefore, the independent claims are patentable over Nishikawa.

Furthermore, the dependent claims are patentable at least by virtue of their dependence from their respective independent claims. Thus, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all of the claims of the present application should now be in condition for allowance.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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